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To: Contact OGE
Subject: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)
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To whom it may concern,

I COMPLETELY oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. It is non-sensical!

OGE should:
• Remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional; it must be mandatory.
• Replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year recusal requirement that prevents donors of cash gifts from influencing decisions, policies, or regulations affecting them or the industries in which they have substantial interests; this is necessary to prevent rampant corruption.
• remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; this is a must to protect the rights of victims who stand up to their harassers.
• Place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers. Otherwise, the principle of equal justice is shredded.

I would appreciate an acknowledgment via email to the receipt of these comments. I remind the recipient of this email of the requirements of the regulatory process which require OGE to read any public comments that are filed and which require OGE to acknowledge in its final rulemaking how many people objected.

Thank you.

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Thanks, Steve

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